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Art Unit: 2621

Application No.: 09/623,464

Examiner: Duy M. Dang

Filed: November 17, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 58501.00045

For: LOSSY/LOSSLESS REGION-OF-INTEREST IMAGE CODING

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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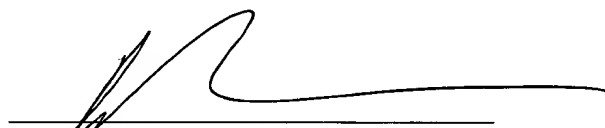
Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Official Communication dated November 28, 2003, setting a one-month period in which to cure a deficiency in the response which was filed on November 13, 2003. However, attached herewith are copies of a facsimile (and our facsimile transmission confirmation report) to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on November 23, 2003. Ms. Tammy Acree of the United States Patent & Trademark Office contacted us by telephone on Saturday, November 22, 2003, to bring this to our attention and requested that we send, via facsimile, a signed copy of the response. Applicants enclose, therefore, a copy of the facsimile cover sheet and the signed response as sent via facsimile on November 24, 2003, in response to Ms. Acree's request. Having complied with Ms. Acree's telephone request on November 24, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that applicants have therefore timely complied with the requirements set forth in the communication dated November 28, 2003. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the response filed on November 13, 2003, as sent via

facsimile on November 24, 2003, fully complied with the requirements of United States patent practice.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the remarks of that response be considered, and this application allowed.

By virtue of the discussion noted above, applicants respectfully submit that no fees are due with respect to this paper, since the communication of November 28, 2003 was moot. In the event that an extension of time is deemed to be necessary, or if there are any additional fees due with respect to this paper or with respect to the filing of the response of November 13, 2003, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222.

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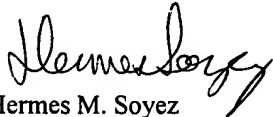
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